



To the Community, City Council and City Staff
July 6, 2015

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

Jennifer Gregerson

2015 ACTION AGENDA

Rosehill Community Board

✓ In February, the City Council affirmed the formation of the new Rosehill Community Board. The board will begin meeting this month.

Business License Reform

Reform business license fees to encourage job creation and reduce the administrative burden on small businesses

Prevention-Oriented Public Safety

Ensure we are a safe and healthy community: protect our seniors from falls at home, and support the Youth Substance Abuse Prevention initiative

✓ In June, the City Council affirmed the formation of the new Wise Investments in Transportation Taskforce. The group is being formed now and will address transportation needs, priorities and funding strategies.

Encourage Housing Choices

Encourage more affordable housing choices by re-examining regulations on mother-in-law units

\$15m Dollars set aside in the state transportation revenue package for Harbour Reach Extension, a new connection between Harbour Pt Blvd and Beverly Park Road



Mayor Gregerson joined the City Council and County Councilmembers Dave Somers and Brian Sullivan, County Executive John Lovick, and a representative from the State Department of Commerce to celebrate a contribution of \$1,000,000 that will go towards transportation improvements in Mukilteo, supporting aerospace manufacturing and economic development at the airport.



Mayor Gregerson was pleased to swear in our newest team members, Community Service Officers and Park Rangers Peg Bohan and Lane Byers. Both have excellent experience as park rangers in parks around the country, and parking enforcement experience. They are already making a difference for visitors to the park, as a friendly presence that helps ensure our regulations are followed and enforced.

waterfront resident parking passes distributed so far
2863

398 Miles traveled by bike or bus by the Mayor since January, 2014

IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY

- Attended a Community Transit roundtable. They have a regional focus and actively coordinate with their regional partners, including Everett Transit, Metro and Sound Transit. A busy day for their system includes up to 40,000 riders boarding CT buses. Another interesting statistic is that 25% of the people traveling to Seattle during peak hours do so in just 1% of the vehicles-- mostly through transit. 70% of CT's revenues come from sales tax, which is why they encourage us to buy local! They currently have 400 van pools, one of the largest programs in the country.
- Attended the monthly meeting of SCCIT, a consortium of city, county and business leaders who work together on transportation issues and support the advancement of a coordinated transportation policy in the County. We heard updates on the federal and state transportation issues, and got information on significant actions that we could take to encourage progress on transportation issues at the state level.
- Attended Sound Transit's open house in Everett on their proposed next stage of transportation investments in the region.

A HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITY

- Attended the Council's Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Met with the City's Medical Services Officer, Larry Hadland, along with our Fire Chief and Management Services Director. MSO Hadland works part time for Mukilteo and part time for the City of Lynnwood. He shared data analysis about



As part of this month's Salute to Youth, Mayor Gregerson honored Mary Swadener with a recognition of her accomplishments, including her service on Mukilteo's Youth Advisory Committee.

- medical calls from the first two quarters. This data helps us better understand the needs of our community, and where prevention-oriented actions might best improve health outcomes.
- Attended the State Interoperability Executive Committee as a representative of Washington State Cities and Towns. Edmonds Chief Compaan updated the committee on the current availability of text-to-911 in Snohomish County. If you can call 911, that's always best, but if you can't, our dispatch agency can accept text messages. We also heard an update on FirstNet, a new cohesive public safety communications system for the state. The Washington efforts have been a model for other states working on similar projects.

WORKING WITH OUR REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Attended Lynnwood Mayor Nicola Smith's State of the City. Her team is united and positive, moving forward to a great future for Lynnwood. It was inspiring to hear their plans and share their energy.

- Attended the South Snohomish County Mayor's Lunch. We shared updates on regional organizations and made plans to meet in July with all Mayors throughout the County.
- Attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board meeting. The board approved a request of the Executive Board to designate an area in Issaquah as a regional growth center. We also discussed status of comprehensive plan reviews. Mukilteo is on track to approve our plan this summer, with final City Council hearings in the next couple months.
- Met with Karen Crowley, Stephanie Thomas and Larry Hansen of United Way to talk about the growth of our city employee fundraising and support, and plans for the 2015 campaign. Nancy Passovoy and Dale Dahl managed our campaign last year. Their efforts led to a doubling of support from city



Mayor Gregerson was honored to speak at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Scout Isaiah Lopossa, a Kamiak graduate and new Eagle Scout. As part of his community project, Isaiah worked to remove invasive species from Japanese Gulch.

- employees.
- Attended the Association of Washington Cities annual con-

ference. I found the session on encouraging emerging women leaders to be interesting and inspiring. Today, in 2015, only 13% of city managers are women, which is the same percentage as 1984. I believe in mentorship and support for all young leaders, and I do what I can to encourage others to tackle challenges, not be afraid of risks, and to identify opportunities.

A SUSTAINABLE CITY

- Participated in a meeting of SELA, the Safe Energy Leadership Alliance. After a SELA request, including a letter from many other leaders and myself, the comment period for the proposed Montana Tongue River Railroad was extended. I was able to testify on the that



Mayor Gregerson celebrated the opening of Diedrich Espresso on Harbour Pointe Blvd, a new coffee stand for the successful woman-owned business.

Tongue River Rail line proposal, via online remote testimony. I encouraged the Surface Transportation Board to review downline impacts to health and transportation conflicts, as they review the project proposal. Our City is among many other downline communities who might experience coal trains from that project traveling through Mukilteo.

- Attended the Council's Finance Committee meeting, where we discussed the upcoming 2015

budget amendment, scheduled for July 20.

- Participated as a board member/appeals judge on the State Shoreline Hearings Board. This case was an appeal of a new boat ramp proposal for the Ride the Ducks organization in Seattle. I appreciate the opportunity to understand and apply the State Shoreline Management Act, and to learn about different city and county proposals and challenges.
- Discussed proposed 2015 budget amendments with department directors
- Met with Emily Mydnynski and Joan Smith of the Picnic Point Preservation Committee. They are working to preserve land currently slated for a development of several hundred homes. The headwaters of Picnic Point Creek are in Mukilteo, and include gulch land that is preserved mostly along our southern border. I was excited to hear about their community-led efforts, much like community members who worked to preserve Japanese Gulch. Picnic Point is also a salmon-bearing stream, and one that I grew up hiking and biking along.

SUPPORTING PAINE FIELD

- Led a Council Paine Field Airport Committee meeting to talk about the status of commercial air service and efforts to oppose it.
- Met with Paine Field Airport Executive Director Arif Ghouse to discuss Community Transit's Park and Ride proposal for the Bernie Webber site on airport property. I shared our support for the concept, and encouraged them to continue negotiations with Community Transit for the site lease.



Police Chief Caldwell and Officer Davis joined the torch run for this year's Special Olympics, helping to carry the torch for a mile through Kenmore in support of local athletes Andrew and Christian Hardman. They met other officers, including one from Arkansas who has been travelling with the torch for a week!

WATERFRONT

- Met With Kirk Gordon, South Whidbey Port Commissioner, to talk about their contribution to the parking facility feasibility study that Mukilteo is conducting. We are pleased to have them as a partner in this study, to help us better understand the parking demand and challenges, and identify long term solutions.
- Attended the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal Project and Tank Farm Coordination Meeting, along with representatives from WSF, Sound Transit, Port of Everett, Island County, NOAA and the Tulalip Tribes.

We discussed updates on the project, and the beginning dates for the WSF pier removal. The details on the removal project are available here: http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdon-lyres/F990DB73-8C80-4A5C-8668-1ACE03C6AB97/106389/MukilteoFerry_85x11_Flyer_05202015_v4.pdf. You can also sign up for project alerts by emailing: labssl@consultant.wsdot.wa.gov.

A VIBRANT ECONOMY

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting. I updated them on proposals to reexamine the



Owners and employees of Acu-Line join Mayor Gregerson to celebrate their grand re-opening at a new location in Mukilteo.

development possibilities for property near Staybridge Suites and Bella Terra. There is a development agreement that the City has with the property owner which governs uses and options for the site. Staff are working on amendments to that agreement, which hopefully will spur changes and development of the site.

- Celebrated the re-opening of Acu-Line Corporation, a business new to Mukilteo that was previously located in Seattle. The family-owned and operated Acu-Line company provides custom metal etching for commercial purposes and artistic designs.
- Met with Gerry Bush and sev-



Mayor Gregerson was able to testify by phone about a new rail line which would open up access to a Tongue River facility in Montana, potentially bringing more coal trains to the west coast, and through Mukilteo.

eral other partner-owners of University Mechanical Contractors. They have a successful business based on a foundation of a skilled workforce, working mostly in commercial construction, including electrical wiring, water and other piping. I'm glad to have them in our City.

- Celebrated the opening of Bella Beauty Bar, a new hair and make up styling business, opened by a longtime Mukilteo-area business owner.
- Met with Bel-Red Heating and Cooling to learn about their business model, why they came to Mukilteo in 2009 and answer questions they had about the city. I was pleased to connect them with Crime Prevention Officer Davis, to encourage the support they expressed for our police department, which is their neighbor across the street.
- Met with Steve Hill of TEO Technologies. TEO provides phone and data solutions for businesses throughout the world, with a focus on our region. This is part of my continuing business outreach to the largest employers in Mukilteo.
- Attended an event celebrating the 30 year anniversary of ATS, Applied Technical Services,

an aerospace manufacturing company that works mostly with Boeing. The Beacon covered the event with this article: <http://mukilteobeacon.villagesoup.com/p/manufacturers-must-compete-globally-editors-note/1366094>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Hosted my second Women's Executive Leadership Luncheon, which brings together women leaders from throughout the Puget Sound as well as Mukilteo. We welcomed Assistant State Attorney General Nancy Krier, who shared her story, some information on open public meetings and an encouraging message for emerging women leaders. It was great to bring together women mayors, county councilmembers, state representatives, along with Mukilteo commissioners, councilmembers and our own city staff members. I'm proud to be able to bring strong women leaders and emerging women leaders together to inspire and encourage each other.
- Met with a variety of Edmonds Community College staff members to discuss options for an extension of the "Cool Girls in Aerospace" program currently run out of the WATR Center at Paine Field. This program introduces middle school-aged girls to aerospace manufacturing, giving them a chance to try out machining, wiring and other skills. I'm hoping to sponsor and encourage Mukilteo girls to participate. It has been organized and offered by the Alderwood Boys and Girls Club in the past.
- Met with Kevin Stoltz to discuss waterfront project updates,

questions and concerns.

- Visited Harbour Pointe Retirement Center for my quarterly visit with the residents and their guests. We talked about city operations, waterfront updates, transportation planning and I answered their questions.
- Attended an entertaining and enjoyable fundraiser for Domestic Violence Services: their annual purse and handbag auction and lunch. Next year I'm definitely taking my mom, it's like lunch and shopping all rolled into one.

A GREAT TEAM

- Held my quarterly update to City staff, where I shared the stories of our employees who are doing great work, as well as updates about what's happening throughout our city organization.

